

This is general information about  
**Tree Cutting**  
In  
**Colony Surf**

Please look at the documentation available at the office and from Mason County for the exact requirements outlined here. This is not to be used as a legal guide, but rather an informal information, you might find handy before cutting trees. While cutting trees might seem like a very minor event, the reasons, type and whom is doing the cutting varies enormously from lot to lot.

If you, as a property owner, want to remove a small tree, a dangerous tree, or are removing the trees in conjunction with a Architectural Request to build on your property then it is a rather easy process and will be covered when you apply for the Architectural Request. If your property is on a slope or near a slope you will need to inquire further with Mason County requirements about tree cutting.

If you are removing the trees solely for the profit to be made selling the timber, whether you or a tree cutting professional is doing the cutting, you may be deemed to be “harvesting the timber” and that **is not** allowed. If the trees cut are to be removed by logging truck or there are any other large pieces of equipment to be use that will travel on our private road system, the Club **must** be notified at the time the Architectural Request is applied for.

Please keep in mind that you as a property owner are responsible for any damage done by your contract workers. Their equipment may damage the roads, cover them with mud, or leave bark and other debris on the roads that they/you are responsible for removing. Be sure they are aware of these requirements and others including not starting before the hours allowed in the club rules. See: <http://www.colonyclub.org> and [http://www.co.mason.wa.us/community\\_dev/building/](http://www.co.mason.wa.us/community_dev/building/)

Trees are often cut down by climbing the tree, limbing as they go, and cutting them into 10' to 20' sections as the logger moves down the tree and in some cases the tree is cut at the base in the classic “timber” method. Whatever method is used, care must be taken not to damage nearby property.